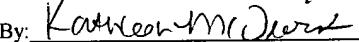


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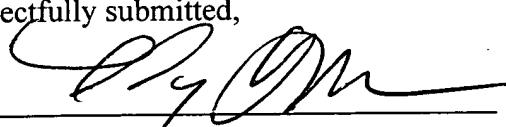
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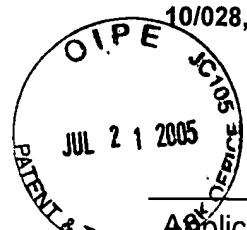
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit this reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 11 of this paper.